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Wabash VFW Post No. 286 plans tenderloin dinner

The Wabash Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 has planned a tenderloin dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 9 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford.

The menu will include hand-breaded tenderloin, French fries and a choice of coleslaw or pasta salad.

The cost will be \$9 per person. It will be open to the public. Carryout will be available.

For more information, call 260-563-2463.

Imagine One 85 Growth Summit set for July 14

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Wabash County Festivals Pageant set for July 30

Fourteen contestants will compete for the title of Queen

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Later this month, 14 contestants will compete for the title of Wabash County Festival Queen during the 31st annual Wabash County Festi-

vals Pageant, said co-director Bev Vanderpool.

The new queen will be crowned by 2020 Wabash County Festivals Queen Katie Jones.

The pageant will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 30 in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Admission to the pageant is \$5 for persons 6 and older. Children under 6 are free.

Vanderpool said contestants

will compete in an interview during the day.

"At the pageant, contestants will compete in sportswear, evening gown and an on-stage question," said Vanderpool. "The new Queen and Court will appear at the Kunkle Cruise-In, Wabash Garden Fest, Wabash Founder's Day Parade and Festival and other events around the county as invited."

The Queen will compete in

the Indiana State Festivals Pageant in Greenfield Indiana on Nov. 13.

The Emcee for the evening will be Rodreck Schram.

Beth Miller will be the Official Scorekeeper.

Choreographers for the pageant are Lisa Mattern Billings and Megan Long.

Alix Winer and Luke Winer will be the escorts for the evening gown portion of the pageant.

Jon Vanderpool provided stage decorations.

Members of the Wabash Tri Kappa will be assisting with the pageant as an annual service project.

Tuxedos for the Emcee and escorts will be donated by Ellen's Bridal.

The Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant committee held a call-out

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Summer Forest Camp at Salamonie



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Campers write down their goals for the day before starting their morning hike.

Children ages 7 to 13 participated in a week-long program

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Bright and early last Wednesday morning, several children were gathered around wooden picnic tables for the third day of the week-long Summer Forest Camp at Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services.

On a table near the front were several books including "Snakes Are Hunters" by Patricia Lauber and Illustrated by Holly Keller, "Camping & Wilderness Survival," "Newcomb's Wildflower Guide," and Golden Books on "Stars," "Spiders and Their Kin," "Bird Life," "Fishing" and "Insects."



Interpretive naturalist Eva Webb leads the morning discussion.

Each child had a pre-printed workbook with room for writing My Daily Goals, Sit Spot Observations and Notes for each day.

"Hey friends while we're waiting for the last of us to

arrive, let's write down our daily goal," said interpretive naturalist Eva Webb. "Raise your hand if you have your daily goal written."

Only a few raised their hands at that, so Webb gave

them another few minutes. "Make sure your name tag is on," said Webb.

Each of them had already picked a "nature name" in addition to their first name. (Webb's was "Birdy.")

Webb asked each of the children present to go around one at a time and give their real name, nature name and goal for the day.

"My goal for today is hmmm to ... I didn't think about it," said Webb, laughing. "Have lots of fun with you guys and learn something from you."

The children then went one at a time reading their nature names (which included "Fish," "Puddle" and

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Bachelor Creek Church of Christ welcomes new minister

Joel Cogdell and family to host an ice cream social Sunday

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ (BCCC) has announced they have welcomed Joel Cogdell as the church's new lead minister, said office manager Kathy Tyner.

"After a unanimous recommendation from a 10-person search committee, staff and elders," Cogdell accepted the call, and a congregational vote affirmed their selection on Sunday, March 28, said Tyner. Cogdell began his new ministry at BCCC on Friday, May 21.

Tyner said Cogdell is "a gifted leader and teacher who has a deep love for Jesus and others."

Joel Cogdell and his wife, Tara, have been married for 14 years and have three children, Caleb, 8, Elle, 7, and Jude, 5.

He received a B.A. in Bible and youth ministry and preaching from Johnson University in 2007.

He is currently working on an M.A. in New Testament with a concentration in spiritual formation and leadership.

Before joining BCCC, Cogdell was the connect groups minister at Crossroads Christian Church in Grand Prairie, Texas, where he served for 14 years.

"Joel has been described by many as a humble leader who

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Jack in the Box Consignment Clothing Shop under new ownership

Sandi and Scott Kirtlan took over from previous owner Ramona Forthofer

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After more than a quarter-century as a "long-time staple" in the business community of Wabash, Jack

in the Box Consignment Clothing Shop, 122 Hale Drive, is now under new ownership.

Sandi and Scott Kirtlan bought the consignment shop, located next to Bech-

tol Grocery, and took over management on Thursday, April 1.

Sandi Kirtlan worked at the shop for a few years until the previous owner, Ramona Forthofer, retired.

"There have been some changes made to the store and we anticipate making several more," said Sandi

Kirtlan. "We are excited to start this new adventure and hope to see you visiting us soon."

Jack in the Box Consignment Clothing Shop is Indiana's largest children and junior consignment shop with over 1,000 consignors and over 100,000 items. The store also sells new

Melissa and Doug toys.

Sandi Kirtlan said the shop specializes in children's and junior clothing.

"We also carry toys, strollers, cribs, car seats, DVDs and books," said Sandi Kirtlan.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to

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The new agreement guarantees a transfer of business-related elective credits earned by Manchester pharmacy graduates into the 30 required for Indiana Tech's MBA in Professional Studies.

Indiana Tech and Manchester partner on dual pharmacy MBA program

By ANNE GREGORY

Indiana Tech and Manchester University have partnered to launch a new program that allows Manchester pharmacy doctoral program students to concurrently earn a Master of Business Administration in Professional Studies at Indiana Tech.

"This means essentially that our students can complete their Pharm.D. and MBA in four years, getting them into the job market as soon as possible with knowledge, skills and credentials that give them flexibility throughout their careers," said W. Thomas Smith, dean of pharmacy and graduate life sciences at Manchester.

"The dual Pharm.D.-MBA program will develop and distinguish students in an increasingly competitive job market," he said. Those enrolling in the dual-degree program will likely pursue areas that include managed care, institutional settings including hospitals, the

pharmaceutical industry and independent pharmacies. In addition, he said, pharmacists possessing both degrees will be better positioned to fill leadership positions as pharmacists.

"This is an ideal situation for students to simultaneously earn two highly valued degrees that will have a significant impact on their careers," said Steve Herendeen, Indiana Tech's vice president for enrollment management. "Manchester University delivers outstanding education in pharmacy and Indiana Tech is well known for offering quality MBA coursework in a seamless online format. We have created an opportunity that is very achievable for busy students."

The new agreement guarantees a transfer of business-related elective credits earned by Manchester pharmacy graduates into the 30 required for Indiana Tech's MBA in Professional Studies. The arrangement also

reduces the time needed to earn both degrees – as opposed to pursuing them separately – and offers students cost savings, based on some Pharm.D. credits fulfilling elective requirements for the MBA.

"We thank Indiana Tech for working with Manchester University to combine two established programs that will benefit our graduates for years to come," said Manchester President Dave McFadden.

"We, too, are happy to collaborate with a strong regional university to meet the needs of students and help them strengthen their careers," said Indiana Tech President Karl W. Einolf. "This is a very exciting time for Manchester University and Indiana Tech."

For more information, email pharmacy@manchester.edu.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

Judge letting Indiana's governor sue to block emergency law

By TOM DAVIES

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A judge has sided with Indiana's governor in a dispute between top state Republicans over whether he can proceed with a lawsuit challenging the increased power state legislators gave themselves to intervene during public health emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Marion County judge's ruling rejects arguments from Republican Attorney General Todd Rokita that he alone has the legal authority to represent the state in court and can decide whether the new law is allowed under the state constitution, despite GOP Gov. Eric Holcomb's objections.

The attorney general's office told the judge Tuesday it intended to appeal the decision to the state Supreme Court.

Judge Patrick Dietrick wrote in the ruling dated Saturday that such an interpretation would give the attorney general greater power than Holcomb as head of the state's executive branch in protecting the governor's constitutional powers.

"This is an absurd result that could not have been intended by either the drafters of Indiana's Constitution or the General Assembly," Dietrick said.

Holcomb's lawsuit argues that the law passed this spring by the Republican-dominated Legislature is unconstitutional because it gives lawmakers a new power to call themselves into a special legislative "emergency session" during statewide emergencies declared by the governor.

Holcomb and some legal experts maintain the state constitution only allows the governor to call the Legislature into special session after its annual session ends.

Republican legislators voted in April to override Holcomb's veto of the emergency session law that emerged following criticism from many conservatives over the

statewide mask mandate and other COVID-19 restrictions that Holcomb imposed by executive orders.






The judge's ruling did not address the constitutionality of the law. He scheduled a hearing on that dispute for Sept. 10.

The attorney general's office said in a court motion filed Tuesday that hearing should be called off while it appeals the decision.

"If left unchallenged, the court's order in this case threatens to tip the balance of powers and undermine the individual liberties of the citizens of this state," Rokita said in a statement.





Rokita, who unsuccessfully challenged Holcomb for the 2016 Republican nomination for governor, has argued that state law gives him the legal authority to turn down Holcomb's request to take the dispute to court. His office's court filings repeatedly called the governor's private lawyers "unauthorized counsel" in asking for them to be removed from the case.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Scattered T-storms 88 / 70	 Thursday Showers Likely 85 / 64	 Friday Partly Cloudy 82 / 66	 Saturday Few Showers 83 / 69	 Sunday Few Showers 84 / 70
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:13 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:23 a.m.

 New 7/9	 First 7/17	 Full 7/23	 Last 7/31
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 88°, humidity of 59%. South southwest wind 3 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 70°. South wind 5 to 8 mph.

Salamonie 'Tweens Among the Trees' Forest School planned

Sessions set from November 2021 through April 2022

STAFF REPORT

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to interpretive naturalist Teresa Rody.

The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. "This unique program is

designed to enhance the school-aged child's basic education and includes: taking hikes, building, teamwork, cooperation, deepening social skills and making a connection to grow their responsibility as stewards of the earth. The children will grow in confidence, balance, strength, compassion, empathy, appreciation, and problem-solving. The entire class time is held outdoors, rain or shine; dress for the weather," said Rody.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Nov. 3, 2021; Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. "There are many physi-

cal, emotional, and mental benefits to spending time outside for all ages," said Rody.

The program fee for the package of six sessions is \$60 per child, ages 6-13; additional siblings are \$50. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127.

"In compliance with Back on Track Indiana, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) social distancing guidelines and use of face coverings if indoors or closer than 6 feet will be practiced," said Rody.

For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or face book.com/upperwabash.



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6 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. The store is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

"Consignments can be brought to the store on the first two full weeks of the month," said Sandi Kirtlan.

Sandi Kirtlan said their Facebook page will feature items that will be accepted and what restrictions will apply.

"All items must be clean before being delivered to the shop," said Sandi Kirtlan.

Sandi Kirtlan said customers who sign up for their text messaging service will receive a text



Sandi and Scott Kirtlan bought the consignment shop, located next to Bechtol Grocery, and took over management on Thursday, April 1.

when there are specials and sales.
Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

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Obituaries

On ‘Sesame Street,’ Elmo gets a puppy (cue adorableness)

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — “Sesame Street” is about to get a whole lot cuter.

Elmo, Grover, Abby Cadabby and the rest of the Muppet gang are introducing a new character to the show this summer – a white-and-brown puppy named Tango, The Associated Press has learned.

“We wanted to explore that special bond between children and pets by introducing this new character,” said Kay Wilson Stallings, the executive vice president of creative and production at Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit behind “Sesame Street.”

Tango will join “Sesame Street’s” 52nd season as both an animated character and a live-action Muppet, debuting this fall on HBO Max and streaming on PBS KIDS in 2022.

The pup is first introduced in a 30-minute animated special “Furry Friends Forever: Elmo Gets a Puppy,” debuting on HBO Max on Aug. 5. She’s technically Elmo’s second pet – he has been caring for goldfish Dorothy for several years.

“He’s done quite well taking care of his goldfish,” said Wilson Stallings. “We thought he’s been successful with taking care of Dorothy and that this could be the next step in his development and his getting more responsibility and his learning and growing.”

Plans to introduce a pet on Sesame Street predated the pandemic, when animal adoptions soared. Sesame Workshop hopes Tango leads to modeling of age-appropriate help with pets, their care and feeding.

“The timing of it is perfect. It was not like we decided six months ago ‘Let’s create this new character because a lot of people are adopting pandemic pets.’ But we do know that a lot of families have been adopting pets during the pandemic as a source of comfort and joy,” said Wilson Stallings.

“With Elmo adopting Tango, it’s going to mirror for many of our children what they’re experiencing now at home and help them understand how best to love and take care of their furry friends as well.”

Details about Tango have been carefully considered,

with internal discussions about what she should look like and what gender to pick. Wilson Stallings, who has a long-haired dachshund at home, put her own preferences aside for the common good.

“We decided that it would really be best to make sure that the way to have her most accessible and really appeal to as many kids and families as possible is just make her like a mixed breed,” she said. “She could be a little of anything. Anybody that has a pet might see a little of their pet within Tango.”

Tango will remain a puppy – just like Elmo will always be 3 ½ years old, but Wilson Stallings said her future as a recurring character is bright, with even the possibility of her own starring role someday.

“Right now, we’re just really focusing on that relationship between she and Elmo as she gets to become more familiar with all the rest of the characters on ‘Sesame Street.’ But if there are stories to be told and educational reasons to do so, we could potentially look at spinning off Tango into her own her own series.”

Gaye D. Miller

Sept. 6, 1942 – July 4, 2021



Gaye D. Miller, 78, of Wabash, Indiana, died 8:05 pm, Sunday, July 4, 2021, at her home. She was born on Sept. 6, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois, to Marion Lawrence and Dorothy F. (Klunder) Davis.

Gaye was a 1960 graduate of Cheyanne Mountain High School in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and received her registered nursing degree from Indiana University in Kokomo, Indiana. She married J.D. Miller in Colorado Springs on Sept. 1, 1964; he died June 23, 2002. Gaye was a registered nurse at the Wabash County Hospi-

tal 27 years, retiring in 2007. She was a member of the Wabash First United Methodist Church. She enjoyed needlepoint, crafts, reading good books, and especially loved her dogs, Shadow and Misty.

She is survived by two sons, Mick L. (Kristin) Miller of Lexington, South Carolina, and Randy J.D. Miller of Peru, Indiana, five grandchildren, Tyler Page and Travis Page, both of Wabash, Kassandra Burchett of Monticello, Indiana, Zachary Miller and Hayley Miller, both of Lexington, South Carolina, and

five great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Kristie M. Miller, and her brother, Ken W. Davis.

Funeral services will be 10 am, Friday, July 9, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Nathan Whybrew officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 5-7 pm Thursday, July 8, 2021, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is H.O.P.E. Foundation.

The memorial guest book for Gaye may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Violet M. Harman

April 18, 1933 – July 1, 2021



Violet M. Harman, 88, of Wabash, Indiana, went home to be with her Lord at 4:12 pm, Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Wabash. She was born at home on April 18, 1933, in Elwood, Indiana, to Lora Vergile and Mae Alice (Whetstone) Martin.

Violet was a graduate of Walnut Grove High School. She worked as a housekeeper for Miller’s Merry Manor for 21 years retiring in 1995. Violet married Louis Junior

Harman in LaFontaine, Indiana on April 19, 1958, he died Sept. 29, 2008. She was a member of Treaty Church of Christ. Violet enjoyed reading and in her latter years was a prayer warrior.

She is survived by six children, Dennis G. Harman and Perry L. Harman, both of Indianapolis, Candance Harman of Wabash, Sandra K. Harman, April L. Harman, and Dawn A. Harman, all of Bloomington, Indiana, and two foster grandchildren,

Melanie Tart and Holden Wiley, both of Wabash. She was also preceded in death by her parents, brother, Ralph Martin, and her sister, Betty Martin.

Private services and burial will be held at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Alzheimer’s Foundation.

The memorial guest book for Violet may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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Growth Summit will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 14 on the Honeywell Plaza and include food and entertainment highlighting the best of Wabash County. Attendance is free and registration is available by visiting www.imagineone85.org.

Salamonie Preschool offers ‘D is for Decomposition’

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “D is for Decomposition.” Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 14 at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information, visit facebook.com/upperwabash.

Second Harvest to hold a tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, July 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, July 14 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, www.classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Christmas in July planned at Mississinewa Lake

The public and campers are invited to join us for an assortment of activities at Mississinewa Lake’s Christmas in July from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 17 at 4673 S. 625 E. Peru. The Campsite Decorating Awards will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 18 at the Interpretive Shelter. Campsite reservations may be made by visiting camp.IN.gov or calling 866-622-6746. Property entrance fees apply of \$7

per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. State Park annual entrance passes are available for purchase at the property gate.

Christmas in July planned at Salamonie Lake

The public and campers are invited to join us for an assortment of activities at Salamonie Lake’s Christmas in July from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24 at 9214 W. Lost Bridge West, Andrews. Awards will be announced at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 25 at the Interpretive Shelter. Campsite reservations may be made by visiting camp.IN.gov or calling 866-622-6746. Property entrance fees apply of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. State Park annual entrance passes are available for purchase at the property gate.

Salamonie Lake workdays continue throughout summer

Salamonie Lake’s Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host volunteer workdays at 9 a.m. Monday, July 26; 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16; and 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, visit 260-468-2127.

MSD Summer Food Program to provide free breakfasts, lunches

The MSD Summer Food Program will provide weekly meals free of charge for children ages 1 through 18 throughout the MSD area. Throughout the summer, families may pick up five day’s worth of breakfasts and lunches for each child in their household that meets the age criteria from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through July 28 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North, and Southwood High School on the east side of the building, 564 Indiana 124.

Summer at the Wabash County Museum continues

For preschool families with children ages 0 to 5, “Bear Den Days” will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at 36 E. Market St. Sessions will begin with a weekly theme-based story and activity before moving into the Bear Den for an hour of playtime with friends. Registration is recommended

due to limited capacity. Admission will be free to those who register in advance. Registration is available at www.wabashmuseum.org/events. Through Friday, July 30, the Wabash County Museum will offer the “Museum Explorers” opportunity for young people who have just completed kindergarten through sixth grades. Youth can visit the Wabash County Museum from Tuesdays through Fridays all summer long to participate in a scavenger hunt where they will find clues in the Wabash County Museum’s various exhibits to win prizes. A different scavenger hunt may be completed each week for the chance to enter an end-of-summer drawing to win one of several large prizes. Accompanying adults will be subject to the standard admission price unless they have a current museum membership. For more information, visit www.wabashmuseum.org.

Beacon Credit Union kicks off its 10th Annual Project Spotlight Voting

Beacon Credit Union’s Project Spotlight voting runs through Saturday, July 31. Everyone in the community is encouraged to vote for their favorite cause either online or in their local Beacon Member Center. The project that receives the most votes, in each community, will receive \$1,000 from Beacon Credit Union. The second-place winner will receive \$500, and there will be a third place in each community randomly picked to receive \$250. Visit <https://www.beaconcu.org/project-spotlight/> for more information.

INDOT to begin maintenance work on Indiana 13 bridge over Mississinewa

INDOT announced bridge maintenance work would soon begin on Indiana 13 over the Mississinewa River. Crews will be conducting the bridgework seven miles south of Wabash between Whites Drive and Howell Road. The work is expected to last until mid-August. During construction, Indiana 13 will be reduced to one lane. Traffic should be prepared to stop and obey the temporary traffic signal. There’s a width limit of 12 feet in the project zone.

YMCA offers summer meals

The Wabash County YMCA announced their

free breakfast and lunch program for children ages 18 and under will be from 8 to 9 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch Mondays through Fridays, through Friday, Aug. 6, at 500 S. Cass St. For more information, visit www.wabashcountyyymca.org or email info@wabashcountyyymca.org.

‘Liking for Biking’ returns

Through Saturday, Aug. 28, anyone of any age or skill level who is interested in a free, family-friendly hour-long bike ride is invited to meet at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday at Paradise Spring Historical Park’s upper pavilion, 351 W. Market St. Helmets are required. The next health assessment will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 inside of door 10 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive, while the rest of the rides will start at Paradise Spring Historical Park with wheels rolling at 9 a.m. Masks are required inside Parkview Wabash Hospital for health assessments. For more information, www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Dr. Ford Home announces ‘fun, family-friendly’ event lineup

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including The American Front Porch at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14; Autumn Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1; Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash’s trick-or-treat hours; and Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home.

Manchester Civic Band plans live performances

Manchester Civic Band performances at Peabody Retirement Community have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 22 and Dec. 1. This year’s Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. They have tentatively scheduled performances for Saturday, Oct. 2 for a concert at Harvest Fest. In addition, performances have also been

tentatively scheduled for the North Manchester Fun Fest parade and at Doud’s Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana.

Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market running every Saturday

The Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market continues its 2021 season from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Saturday, Sept. 26 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elks parking lot on the corner of Cass and Market St. Vendors are still being accepted for full-season, half-season and one-time rates. To become a vendor for the 2021 Market, visit WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market or call 260-563-0975. For more information about Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market, visit WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market.

8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids planned

The Clown Town Motorcycles and Sharp Shooters Express will present the 8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the American Legion Post No. 248, 800 Washington St., Lagro. Car show registration will be \$15 per car and will begin at 11 a.m., with kickstands up and entertainment starting at noon. For more information, call 260-466-7655.

Honeywell Ladies Golf Association season continues

The Tuesday Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday.

Honeywell Pool to open on a limited basis

For the time being, the Mark C. Honeywell Pool will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays each week. For more information, visit www.wabashcountyyymca.org.

‘Explore Salamonie’ hikes to be held monthly

Join Upper Wabash Inter-

Unending grief of COVID-19 deaths causing problems for some

By **JAY REEVES**
Associated Press

Kelly Brown’s 74-year-old father got sick first with COVID-19, followed by her 71-year-old mom just two days later. John and Judy Trzebiatowski died of the illness just a week apart last August, sending Brown into a black tunnel of grief that doesn’t seem to have an end.

Health restrictions stripped away the things that normally help people deal with death, such as bedside visits at the Wisconsin hospital where they were treated and a big funeral with hugs and tears, she said. That left Brown to deal with her sorrow on her own, and now she’s having a hard time seeing a way forward.

With more than 605,000 dead of COVID-19 in the United States and nearly 4 million worldwide, Brown is among the thousands or more who could be experiencing prolonged grief, the kind of mourning that experts say can prevent people from moving beyond a death and functioning normally again.

“It’s the most horrible thing to have to go through,” said Brown. “I would not wish this upon anyone.”

Natalia Skritskaya, an expert on grieving, said it’s too early to say whether prolonged grieving, also known as complicated grief, will be a major complication from the pandemic – it isn’t yet over, with thousands still dying daily worldwide, including hundreds in the United States. Many mourners have yet to pass the one-year anniversary of a loss, and few

studies have been published so far on the psychiatric fallout, she said.

But prolonged grief is both real and potentially debilitating, said Skritskaya, a research scientist and clinical psychologist with the Center for Complicated Grief at Columbia University in New York. She noted that it can be treated with therapy in which participants talk through their experience and feelings.

“The core of it is kind of helping people face the reality of what happened,” she said. “It’s not an easy treatment. It’s intense.”

Jerri Vance said therapy has helped her deal with grief since her husband, James Vance, a retired police officer in Bluefield, West Virginia, died of COVID-19 on New Year’s Day, but she worries about their two young daughters.

“Seeing my kids’ grief adds to my pain,” she said. “One of my kids isn’t making much progress in therapy because her daddy was her person. She is still mad at the world.”

A study published in the fall predicted a likely increase in cases of prolonged grief linked to the pandemic. Already, people who lost loved ones to COVID-19 are filling social media pages with stories of tears and sadness that just won’t go away.

Many cite the loss of typical end-of-life rituals for their continual grieving; some struggle because of the unexpectedness and seeming unfairness of the coronavirus. The politicization of the pandemic is a thorn for many who constantly see

and hear some argue against what health experts say are life-saving practices including vaccinations, mask wearing and social distancing.

“In my office I listen all day to unsolicited opinions and try not to engage, as it is unprofessional,” said Betsy Utnick, whose father, Sheldon Polan of Selden, New York, died in April 2020. She said she still cries every day because the grief has yet to subside.

Noreen Wasti knows the feeling. She lost her father to the illness caused by the coronavirus on Dec. 27 and is having a hard time going on.

Wasti, who writes and creates online content in New York, said she’s unsure what it will take to get over the loss of Salman Wasti, 76, a retired biology professor from Glocester, Rhode Island.

“This has been the first time I’ve lost someone so dear to me, so I never had a map for grief nor really understood the magnitude. I always thought you’re sad for a few months and then you’re OK. I was so wrong,” she said. “It hits in waves and those waves feel as severe as the day we lost him.”

With so many people hurting and little personal interaction for months because of pandemic health restrictions, social media has become the place where many connect to share stories of loved ones and loss. One private Facebook page dealing with COVID-19 losses has more than 10,000 members, and continuing grief is a constant thread of discussion.

Rabia Khan has found so-

lace online since the death on Thanksgiving Day of her father, Pakistani activist Muhammad Hameedullah Khan of Chicago. In survivor and family groups, she said, the grieving don’t face insensitive questions about how a loved one contracted the virus or why someone wasn’t careful enough to avoid it.

Aside from sharing stories online of her late boyfriend Ben Schaeffer, a New York subway conductor and historian, Lisa Smid has tried to redirect her anguish into something positive. She sponsored an online lecture at the New York Transit Museum and plans to honor his legacy by endowing more memorial lectures.

“I like being able to have an event to look forward to at which I’ll have an acceptable outlet for my grief as I move forward with my own life,” she said.

Ann Haas of St. Paul, Minnesota, is still trying to find some sort of outlet as she mourns, but work keeps bringing her back to the worst day of her life.

Haas lost her father, Raymond Haas, to COVID-19 on Nov. 11 and works in the laundry at the same Veterans Affairs hospital where he spent his final days. Haas said memories coming flooding back each time she folds a tan blanket like the one that covered him while he was fighting to live.

“I wish other people could see what this does to people. I hear people saying, ‘This isn’t real, it’s nothing.’” Haas said between sobs. “I’ve got nothing left. I don’t know if it’s going to take them losing someone to understand.”

Pentagon cancels disputed JEDI cloud contract with Microsoft

By **ROBERT BURNS**
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Tuesday it canceled a disputed cloud-computing contract with Microsoft that could eventually have been worth \$10 billion. It will instead pursue a deal with both Microsoft and Amazon and possibly other cloud service providers.

“With the shifting technology environment, it has become clear that the JEDI Cloud contract, which has long been delayed, no longer meets the requirements to fill the DoD’s capability gaps,” the Pentagon said in a statement.

The statement did not directly mention that the Pentagon faced extended legal challenges by Amazon to the original \$1 million contract awarded to Microsoft. Amazon argued that the Microsoft award was tainted by politics, particularly then-President Donald Trump’s antagonism toward Amazon founder, Jeff Bezos, who stepped down Monday as the company’s chief executive officer. Bezos owns The Washington Post, a newspaper often criticized by Trump.

The Pentagon’s chief information officer, John Sherman, told reporters Tuesday that during the lengthy legal fight with Amazon, “the landscape has evolved” with new possibilities for large-scale cloud computing services. Thus it was decided, he said, to start over and seek multiple vendors.

Sherman said JEDI will be replaced by a new program called Joint Warfighter Cloud Capability, and that both Amazon and Microsoft “likely” will be awarded parts of the

business, although neither is guaranteed. Sherman said the three other large cloud service providers – Google, IBM and Oracle – might qualify, too.

Microsoft said in response to the Pentagon announcement, “We understand the DoD’s rationale, and we support them and every military member who needs the mission-critical 21st century technology JEDI would have provided. The DoD faced a difficult choice: Continue with what could be a years-long litigation battle or find another path forward.”

Amazon said it understands and agrees with the Pentagon’s decision. In a statement, the company reiterated its view that the 2019 contract award was not based on the merits of the competing proposals “and instead was the result of outside influence that has no place in government procurement.”

Oracle, which had earlier sought the JEDI contact but didn’t make it to the final round, declined comment Tuesday. In separate statements, IBM said it was evaluating the new Pentagon approach and Google said it looked forward to discussing it with Pentagon officials.

The JEDI project began with the \$1 million contract award for Microsoft, meant as an initial step in a 10-year deal that could have reached \$10 billion in value. The project that will replace it is a five-year program; Sherman said no exact contract value has been set but that it will be “in the billions.” Sherman said the government will negotiate the amount Microsoft will be paid for having its 2019 deal terminated.

After troops exit, safety of U.S. Embassy in Kabul top concern

By **KATHY GANNON**
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — As the end to America’s “forever war” rapidly approaches, the U.S. Embassy and other diplomatic missions in Kabul are watching a worsening security situation and looking at how to respond.

In the countryside, districts are falling to the Taliban in rapid succession. American’s warlord allies are re-arming their militias, which have a violent history, raising the specter of another civil war once the U.S. withdrawal is finished, expected in August.

A U.S. Embassy spokesperson told The Associated Press that security assessments are frequent these days. Speaking on condition of anonymity in line with briefing rules, she said the

embassy is currently down to 1,400 U.S. citizens and about 4,000 staff working inside the compound the size of a small town.

A well-fortified town, that is. Besides its own formidable security, the embassy lies inside Kabul’s Green Zone, where entire neighborhoods have been closed off and giant blast walls line streets closed to outside traffic. Afghan security forces guard the barricades into the district, which also houses the Presidential Palace, other embassies and senior government officials.

The only route out is Kabul’s Hamid Karzai International Airport, currently protected by U.S. and Turkish troops. Before America can declare its war over, the security of the airport will have to be settled. Ankara is in talks with Washington, the United Nations and the Af-

ghan government to decide who will protect the airport and who will foot the bill.

For now, the airport is running without interruption, except for restrictions imposed by a deadly third COVID surge that has prompted some countries to suspend flights to Kabul. However, India is not one of them – as many as eight flights arrive weekly from India – and as a result, the virus’ delta variant, first identified in India, is rampant in Afghanistan.

In Kabul, it’s common to hear speculation about when and if the U.S. Embassy will evacuate and shut down, with images resurrected of America’s last days in Saigon at the end of the Vietnam war.

Already, long before the last U.S. and NATO troops began packing to leave, American diplomats arriv-

ing at the airport were taken to the heavily fortified U.S. Embassy by helicopter. The 4-mile road trip through Kabul’s chaotic traffic was considered too dangerous.

Suicide bombers struck along that road with uncomfortable frequency.

For many of Washington’s new diplomats to Afghanistan, their view of the country and Kabul is limited to what they see from the confines of the sprawling embassy compound, hidden deep inside the Green Zone and protected by 10-foot blast walls, heavily armed U.S. Marines, explosive-sniffing dogs and cameras at every corner.

An American employee of Resolute Support, the name of NATO’s military mission in Afghanistan, who arrived in the country last November, had not been outside the giant gates of the mission by June.

Citing security concerns, the U.S. spokesperson said she couldn’t reveal evacuation plans, or even if that’s a part of today’s conversation, but said the embassy has detailed plans for every scenario to protect its staff.

If there is an evacuation, it wouldn’t be the first.

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul shut down in 1989, when the former Soviet Union left the country after negotiating an end to its 10-year invasion of Afghanistan. The pro-communist government collapsed three years later, followed by a brutal civil war carried out by most of the same U.S.-allied warlords who still operate in Kabul today – another reason why fear of a new civil war resonates.

The Taliban have issued statements saying they are not looking for a military takeover of Kabul. Washing-

ton has repeatedly warned that a military move on the Afghan capital would return the insurgent movement to pariah status, denying it international recognition and assistance.

Still, not long after President Joe Biden announced in mid-April that American troops would be gone by Sept. 11, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani expressed concern that Afghan forces might not be able to protect all the diplomatic missions in Kabul, according to an official familiar with the discussions. There were even suggestions that smaller embassies move into the U.S. compound for their protection.

The U.S. Embassy responded with an immediate so-called “ordered lockdown,” further restricting staff movements and new arrivals.

FBI: Militia-style group surveilled Capitol weeks after riot

By **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**
Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A Virginia man charged with joining the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol told an undercover FBI agent that he belonged to a militia-style group and coordinated “surveillance efforts” on the same building more than a month after the riot, according to a court filing unsealed on Tuesday.

The filing, which accompanied a criminal complaint against Fi Duong, doesn’t specify why he and an associate wanted to surveil the Capitol for weeks after the Jan. 6 insurrection. But it says an undercover agent attended meetings of Duong’s group and that investigators intercepted encrypted communications about post-riot surveillance work.

“How do we feel about an Intel run around the Capitol tonight?” an unnamed associate asked Duong during a Feb. 13 exchange on the encrypted messaging platform. “Fewer of them out. Posture may be lowered. Good opportunity to expose weaknesses.”

“Poke and prod. But have a legitimate reason to go. Visit a restaurant or something. Get something cheap. Walk around a bit,” Duong responded, according to an FBI agent’s affidavit.

The same associate was seen driving around the U.S. Capitol after telling the group on April 2 that he planned to conduct surveillance on the building. He later said he got rid of surveillance footage that he took, but that Duong still had it, the agent said.

Duong is one of more than 520 federal defendants charged in the Capitol riot so far. The FBI has linked dozens of them to far-right extremist groups, including several members of the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers who are charged with conspiring to mount a coordinated attack on Jan. 6.

Duong isn’t charged with plotting any violence, however, and prosecutors didn’t seek his pretrial detention after he was arrested on Friday. He was freed after his initial court appearance.

Sabrina Shroff, an assistant federal public defender who represented Duong at the hearing, declined to com-

ment on the government’s allegations.

A June 30 complaint charges Duong with disorderly conduct, obstruction of an official proceeding, and knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority.

The unsealed court filing says Duong’s first contact with undercover investigators occurred on the morning of Jan. 6, when he and the associate introduced themselves to an undercover police officer near Freedom Plaza in Washington. Duong asked if the officer was a “patriot” and called himself an “operator.”

A week after the riot, the officer introduced Duong to an undercover FBI agent who later attended group meetings at Duong’s home in Alexandria, a Washington suburb, the agent’s affidavit says.

The group called themselves “a Bible study” but also talked about firearms training events, the FBI said. During a Feb. 12 meeting, Duong discussed a Virginia secession movement that he said would be peaceful, according to the affidavit.

Rural Kentucky health officials press on, one shot at a time

By **PIPER HUDSPETH BLACKBURN**
Associated Press/
Report for America

TAYLORSVILLE, Ky. — John Rogers waited months after becoming eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. It was only after talking with friends that the 66-year-old retiree from rural Spencer County, Kentucky, was persuaded to get the shot.

“They said, ‘You know, the vaccine may not be 100 percent, but if you get COVID, you’re in bad shape,’” Rogers said. “You can die from it.”

With the nation falling just short of President Joe Biden’s goal of dispensing at least one shot to 70 percent of all American adults by the Fourth of July, public health officials in places like Spencer County have shifted the emphasis away from mass vaccination clinics toward getting more information out in a more targeted way about the benefits of getting inoculated.

Health departments have offered the vaccine at concerts, parades and fairs and plan to make it available at back-to-school events. They

have encouraged local doctors to raise the issue with patients and promoted shots by way of printed materials and social media.

The hope is that word of mouth will ease fears and misperceptions about the vaccine and change people’s minds, one person at a time if necessary.

That’s especially important in places like Spencer County, an area of rolling green hills and farmland southeast of Louisville, where the state reports that about 22 percent of eligible adults are at least partially vaccinated. Public health officials there think the numbers are improving and may already be higher.

Biden administration officials are increasingly turning their attention nationwide to some 55 million unvaccinated adults seen as persuadable, a group they have dubbed the “movable middle.”

Many of those being targeted are under 30, an age group that has an especially low vaccination rate. But they also include people like Rogers, who said many people in his community are hesitant to get shots because “they just don’t trust the government.” Rogers, who worked for a

packaging supplier in nearby Shelbyville, said he shook off the skepticism and is now looking forward to a summer of “things going back to normal as they can be.”

Nationally, resistance to getting vaccinated tends to run higher in conservative and rural parts of the country. Overall, 49 percent of all Kentuckians have received at least one dose, compared with about 55 percent nationwide.

Stephanie Lokits, who oversees vaccination efforts in the county for the public health department, has watched immunizations slow since a peak in March, when clinics drew hundreds of residents. Now only 10 to 20 trickle through a weekly vaccine clinic held in the county seat of Taylorsville, a town of 1,600 with an old theater, a courthouse, some empty storefronts and a few small businesses slowly finding their way out of the pandemic.

While Kentucky has seen a decline in cases in the past seven weeks, nearly all confirmed infections and deaths reported in the past month have been in unvaccinated residents.

NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARINGS ON PROPOSED LEASE

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held on July 19, 2021 pursuant to IC 36-1-10-13 before (i) the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana (the "Board" and "County", respectively) at 9:00 a.m. and (ii) the County Council of the County at 6:00 p.m. upon a proposed lease (the "Lease") between the County and a nonprofit jail building corporation ("Building Corporation") under IC 36-1-10, to provide for the financing of a new sheriff's office and jail facility of approximately 90,000 square feet to be located in the County to hold approximately 300 men and women in separate areas, and all necessary and related improvements (collectively, the "Project"). Each of the hearings will take place at the Wabash County Courthouse, One West Hill Street, Wabash, Indiana.

The Lease provides for a term of not to exceed twenty-two (22) years, and provides for an annual rental not to exceed \$3,032,000 per year during the term. Lease rentals under the Lease will be payable by the County from local income taxes received by the County for correctional facilities under IC 6-3.6-6-2.7 and certified shares under IC 6-3.6-6-10, and to the extent such local income taxes are not sufficient, from an ad valorem property tax on all taxable property, both real and personal, within the County.

The first rental payment during the term will be due on the day that the Leased Premises (as defined in the Lease) are ready for use or June 30, 2023, whichever is later. Rental during the term of the Lease will be payable in advance in semiannual installments each year.

After the sale by the Building Corporation of its bonds (the "Bonds") to pay for the costs of the Project, the annual rentals due under the Lease shall be reduced to an amount equal to the multiple of \$1,000 next higher than the sum of the principal and interest due on such Bonds in each twelve-month period, plus an amount for annual fees, payable in equal semiannual installments.

The Lease provides an option to the lessee to purchase the Leased Premises on any rental payment date. The Project will be located within the County.

As additional rental, the County shall pay all taxes and assessments levied against or on account of the Leased Premises and/or the receipt of lease rental payments. The plans and specifications, including statements of the cost of the Project, as well as a copy of the proposed Lease, are available for inspection by the public on all business days during business hours, at the office of the Auditor of the County, located at the Wabash County Courthouse, One West Hill Street, Suite 103, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

At each of the hearings, all persons interested shall have a right to be heard on the necessity for the execution of such Lease, and upon whether the lease rental provided for therein to be paid to the Building Corporation is a fair and reasonable rental for the proposed Project. Such hearings may be adjourned to a later date or dates, and following such hearings, the Board and Council, respectively, may either authorize the execution of such Lease as originally agreed upon or may make modifications thereto as may be agreed upon with the Building Corporation.


Dated this 7th day of July, 2021.

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Man’s pics of young models devastate wife

DEAR ABBY: I’m a woman in my early 60s. I have a husband I love very much and I enjoyed dressing sexy for him at the end of our date nights. However, I stumbled across some pictures of half-naked young models a friend of his continually sends. Because of them and the fact that my husband enjoys commenting on them, I no longer feel sexy.

Dear Abby



I’m not a 20-something model, and now I feel like an old fool for thinking I looked good to him. I don’t know how to talk to him about this matter. I wish that, just once, when his friend sent him a picture, he would have replied “No, thank you,” and told his friend he already has a sexy woman in his life. Advice? – Feeling Foolish In New York

DEAR FEELING FOOLISH: You are not an “old fool,” you are a disappointed wife. It’s time for an honest conversation. Tell your husband you found the pictures, read the comments he made to his friend in response and how it has made you feel about your own attractiveness. If you speak up, he may be able to reassure you. However, if he can’t, it may require assistance from a licensed marriage and family therapist. You have my sympathy. Your problem is not uncommon.

DEAR ABBY: I’m a 29-year-old woman married to a dream of a man I met when I was 19. We have a child together. We have had our ups and downs, but it’s to be expected, I suppose, when you begin a relationship before really knowing yourself.

Recently things have become complicated. I am discovering things about myself and think I may be a lesbian. I identified as bisexual for most of my life, but I’m starting to reevaluate my life now. I have become repulsed by sex with my husband. I love our family and I think he’s an amazing husband, but I still feel a void. Please give me some advice. – Evolving In Pennsylvania

DEAR EVOLVING: It is not uncommon for individuals of both genders to come out later in life. You owe it to your husband to level with him about what’s going on, omitting, of course, that you now find sex with him to be “repulsive.” Under no circumstances should you make this about him. Tell him you no longer think you are bisexual but a lesbian, and you need to explore your true nature. Do not expect him to like it, but stand your ground. Offer him the option of counseling at the nearest LGBTQ center, and hope that he will be able to move forward with his own life soon. He may also find support by contacting the Straight Spouse Network. Its website is straightspouse.org.

DEAR ABBY: I gifted my boyfriend \$5,000 so he could get rid of his credit debt. He was really stressed, and I thought it would be a solution. Now he’s buying more stuff, like he didn’t learn from this. I’m in a weird situation – why is he spending more? (I probably have no right to know what he has done with it.) Honestly, I don’t think I’ll do this again. What do you think? – Sadly Mistaken

DEAR SADLY MISTAKEN: Your irresponsible boyfriend is spending again because he now knows you will “rescue” him by paying his bills. This wasn’t a tiny “oops,” it was a big mistake. Put away your checkbook before he ruins your credit, too, and end the romance or he will bleed you dry!

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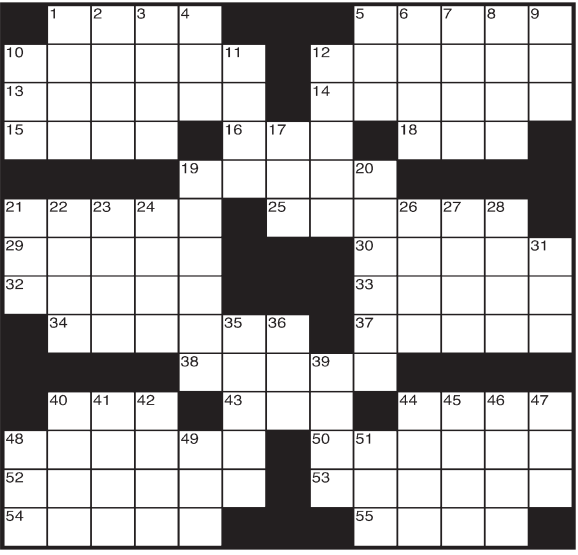
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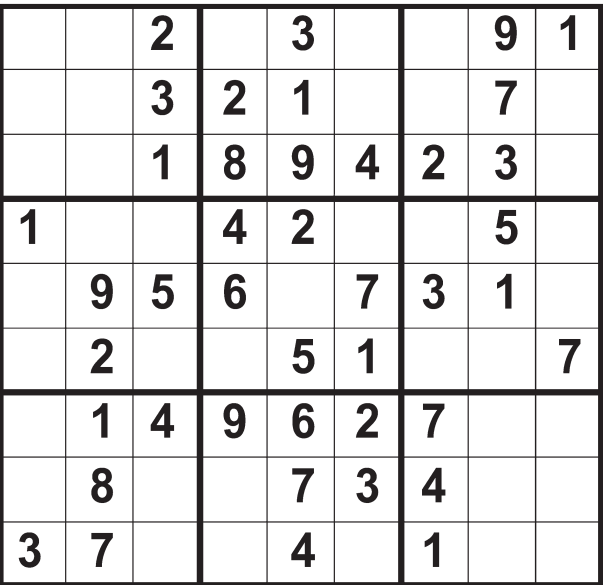
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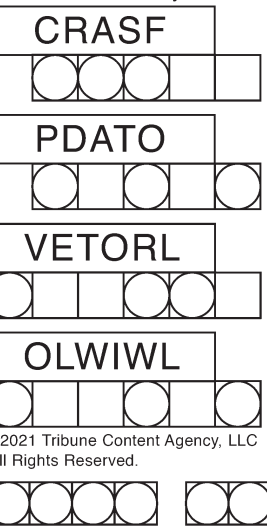
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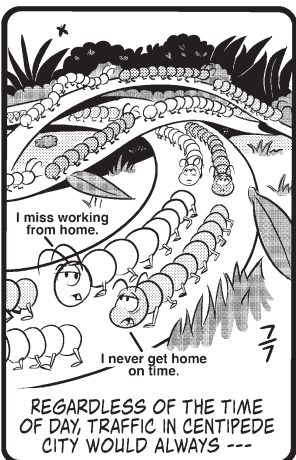


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Saturday’s Jumbles: TITLE THYME FIASCO ROTATE
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

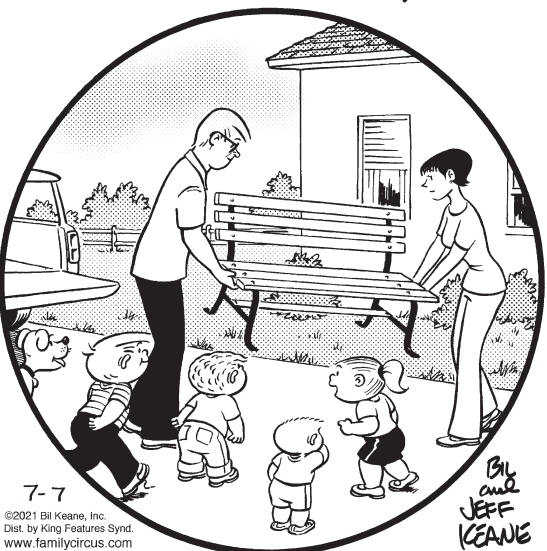


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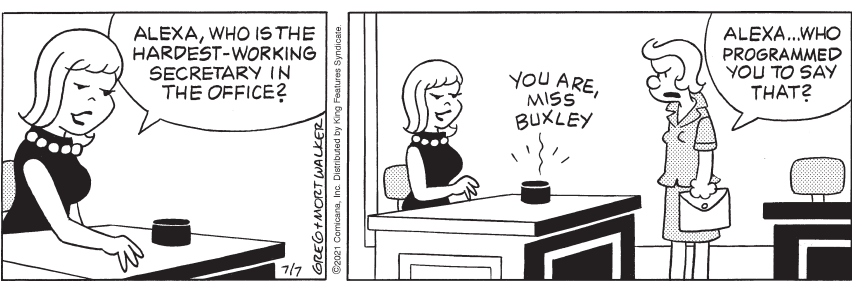
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By Bil Keane

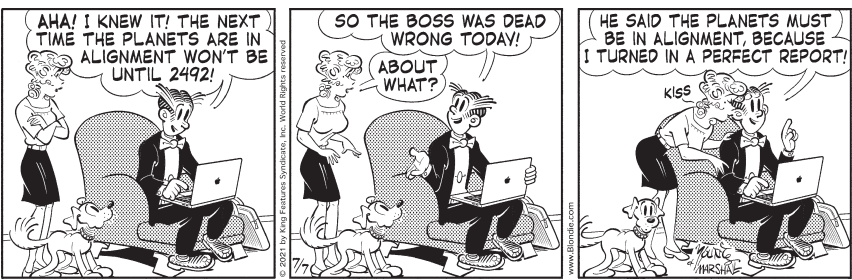


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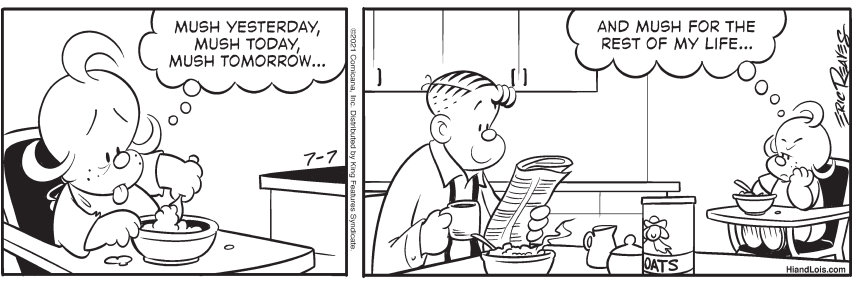
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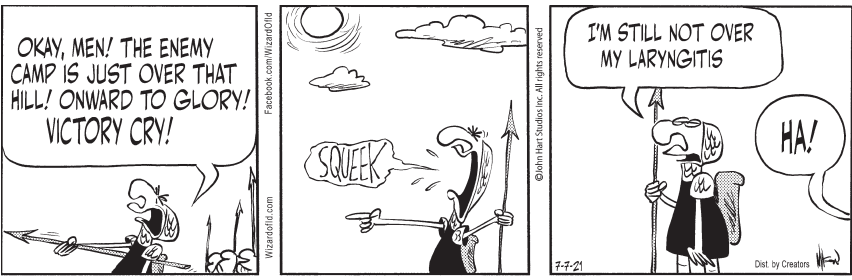
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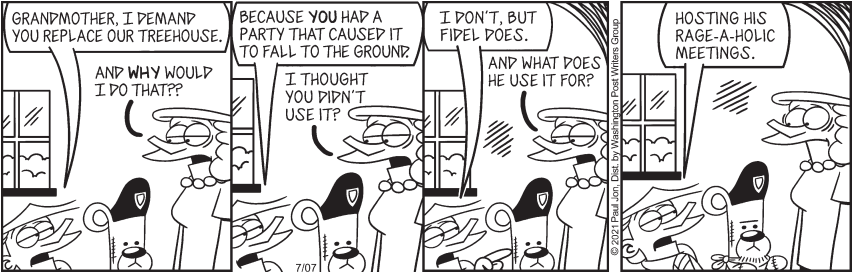
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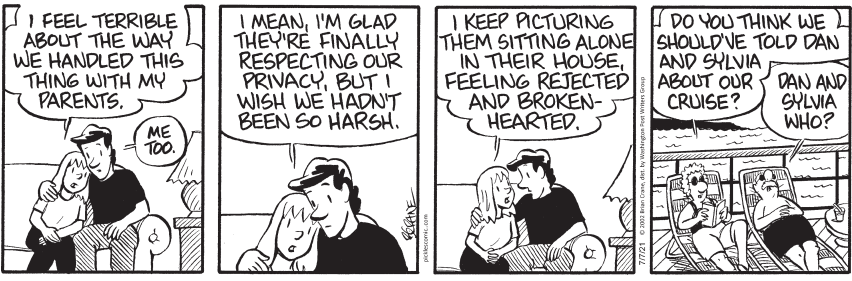
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PICKLES



Humanism is the worship of man

Q: I struggle with living in the Christian world and still being part of the whole world. Is humanism the same as today’s progressive movement? – P.H.

A: Humanism is the worship of man. It has taken on the form of religion; glorifying self and taking God out of His rightful place. This has always been prevalent in the world and is called by many different names.

A London magazine carried a story that said, “No more subtle enemy has ever faced the Christian church than this one which dethrones her God and replaces Him with His [creation].” Young people today may not know who Julian Huxley was, but he said that if humanism is to acquire a wider appeal, it must become a religion.

And so it has. Humanism

has become for many a polite name for a vocal and aggressive movement against God’s truth to advance its own brand of social influence. Humanism is not new; it emerged in the Garden of Eden. It is the yielding to Satan’s first temptation of Adam and Eve. He told them they could be gods (see Genesis 3:5).

Mankind continually rejects the revelation of the Bible concerning the true and living God, substituting gods of its own making. Many intellectuals have come to believe that the human mind can under-

stand everything eventually. This is nothing but total rebellion towards God and Satan is behind it all. The underlying principle of all the devil’s tactics is deception.

The Bible warns, “The devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him” (1 Peter 5:8-9). The Lord will help us stand strong in the face of deception if we will stay in the Word of God and pray that He will give us discerning minds. The important thing for all of Christ’s followers is to live “in Christ” as the Bible teaches.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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ITK YFZ ZCTZC SP VIAWYXCE.”
— EFTWS ZXIEE

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
1 Corinthians 13:4-6

We've come so far with vaccines, America; now keep going

For all the missteps during its early days, the American coronavirus vaccination campaign is poised to go down as a triumph of science and public health. Seven months after the first shots were authorized for emergency use, 66 percent of adults – more than 100 million people – have received at least one dose. That's not the 70 percent President Biden was aiming to reach by July 4, but it's close, and it's an impressive figure.

This progress has enabled the nation to edge its way back to something resembling normal. Daily case counts and death tolls are falling steadily in most places. Restaurants and theaters and barbershops are open. Mask mandates are being lifted. So far, most of the vaccines seem to work well against the dangerous Delta variant and all of its known cousins. What's more, the latest research suggests that for most people, vaccine boosters will not be needed anytime soon.

It's worth pausing to acknowledge this triumph. Last summer, the nation was praying for vaccines that would be at least 50 percent effective, and no one was sure whether or when they might arrive. This summer, millions of Americans have been inoculated with vaccines that are more effective than many dared to hope for.

But it's too soon to declare total victory. The world is still locked in a desperate race between the coronavirus's ability to evolve and society's ability to vaccinate, and America's lead in that race is precarious. The virus is evolving quickly and efficiently. Given enough time and enough susceptible hosts, it could still mutate its way around the human immune response and beyond the ability of existing vaccines to help. If that happens, the United States, and any other nations that have made such progress,

will be forced backward.

The only way to prevent such a grim outcome is to vaccinate as many people as possible, as quickly as possible – not just in the United States but everywhere.

There are still many barriers to accomplishing this goal. Vaccine hesitancy is rampant and in some cases baffling: Health care workers witnessed the ravages of Covid-19 firsthand, but some of them are still resisting vaccination and even suing to block vaccine mandates. Some teenagers who want the shots have found that the biggest obstacles are their parents who worry about side effects that have yet to emerge. Many young adults are skipping vaccination because they don't see the urgency.

Vaccine hesitancy is not the only problem. In most states, Black and Hispanic people have received fewer vaccinations relative to their share of cases and their share of the total population, according to surveys by the Kaiser Family Foundation. The reasons for this disparity are innumerable, but systemic racism and income inequality play huge roles.

Many marginalized groups are leery of a government that has failed them time and again. Some people have been stymied by a lack of paid leave or by transportation issues or by simple misunderstandings; for instance, not all people have been made aware that they are not supposed to be charged for shots. In Latino communities, the fear of immigration enforcement at vaccination sites looms large.

In other countries, the trouble is both more straightforward and much more dire: There are simply not enough shots to go around. Part of the problem has to do with hoarding, as wealthy nations have gobbled up much of the vaccine supply. But also,

vaccine makers are producing only a tiny fraction of what's needed to begin with. The result is a profound global vaccination gap. While the United States has vaccines for anyone who wants them, most other countries are still struggling to inoculate even their most vulnerable residents, including frontline health care workers and older people. In Indonesia, where the Delta variant is surging, fewer than 5 percent of residents have received any vaccine.

As the second pandemic summer progresses, it will be crucial to tease these strands apart and address the roots of each one.

Much of the growing mistrust of vaccines can be traced to an anti-vaccination movement that is well funded, politically connected and media savvy. Its efforts have succeeded to such an alarming degree that vaccine hesitancy ranked as one of the world's leading global health threats well before the Covid pandemic emerged. But it's important to remember that this contingent makes up a small portion of unvaccinated people. A large majority of Americans are not opposed to vaccines, only hesitant. That means they can still be won over.

The Biden administration has started a multimillion-dollar campaign to dispel vaccine misinformation and educate Americans about the benefits of getting the shots. Among other things, it has partnered with WhatsApp to reach Spanish-speaking communities and with NASCAR and the Christian Broadcasting Network to get the message out to other groups. Those are smart and crucial moves. It will be equally important for officials to act locally, because the best vaccine ambassadors are likely to differ from one community to the next. Younger people might

be swayed by celebrity influencers. Older people might trust their religious leaders above all others. Parents might want to hear only from doctors, doulas or other parents.

Those who study vaccine hesitancy and science communication say that the most important thing such ambassadors can do is listen. Showering doubters with facts doesn't work. But hearing them out, validating their underlying concerns and addressing those concerns whenever possible can make a huge difference.

No matter how successful these efforts are, they will be wasted in the long run if the rest of the world is not also vaccinated. In the past two months the Biden administration has donated or promised to donate tens of millions of vaccine doses to countries that need them. Mr. Biden has also supported a global patent waiver that would make it easier for countries and companies to make vaccines themselves. Those are welcome and urgently needed steps. But much more is still needed. To beat this coronavirus, and to prepare for the next pandemic, the United States and other wealthy nations will have to help the world increase its capacity for making and distributing vaccines. That will require a concerted effort and clear leadership.

In the meantime, every unvaccinated person is an opportunity for the virus to spread, multiply and mutate – and every mutation is a chance for it to penetrate all our best defenses. If you have access to any of the coronavirus vaccines and your immune system is not compromised, the single most important thing you can do for yourself, your loved ones and your country is to get vaccinated right away.

This editorial was first published in The New York Times.



Nostalgia for closed Hoosier high schools

By **MARK FRANKE**

A high school senior who attends the same church as I do qualified for the state golf championship as an individual. This is a big deal for him and for all of us who know him. A big enough deal, apparently, that Hometown, the small Hoosier town where he lives, put on an old-fashioned parade to see him off to Carmel for the tournament.

The township fire department mustered their trucks and the town utility maintenance department added a couple more. It was lights, sirens and a dozen or so friends along the route. In spite of the fact that this township is one of the fastest growing in the state, the old part of Hometown is still a small town so the parade was a quick one from the elementary school, past the fire house and out to the highway.

This brought back memories from my childhood when Fort Wayne South Side won the state basketball championship in 1958. That was also a big deal back before class-based tournaments. The team was brought back into the city on fire trucks and my father took us out to the highway to watch. We had a vested interest in this championship as the high school was my mother's alma mater.

It must have been my weekend for nostalgia. My wife's uncle and aunt celebrated their seventieth anniversary and, of course, we attended. This was in Terre Haute, the other side of the state from Fort Wayne, but you don't miss a milestone like this.

Her uncle was an athlete in his day. One of the photos on display was of him in his high school letter sweater. Another attendee, whom I had never met, struck up a conversation about that photo and its memories.

He told me about a nostalgia sectional basketball tournament that was held 30 years ago in which alumni came back to play for their old high schools. My uncle-in-law (if that's a word) played for the since closed Fontanet High School in the day and in 1991 he played for it again.

Here in Allen County, there used to be a county basketball tournament that was perhaps more important to the county schools than the sectionals. It was played at the War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne and carried on local radio and TV. My father graduated from Hoagland so we always watched the finals on TV if we didn't attend them in person.

Alumni from these old schools organized a nostalgia county tournament also in 1991 in which nearly 300 former athletes and cheerleaders representing nine high schools suited back up. As I looked through the program booklet, I recognized a lot of names – some as players I watched in my formative years and others who became friends since. I asked several about the experience and they didn't need words to express the joy they experienced reliving their days of glory . . . no matter that it took more ice, BENGAY and heating-pad applications than it did back then.

There is a sad note about all this, however. I can't speak to Vigo County, but nearly all the Allen County tournament high schools are gone, both metaphorically and physically. Most succumbed to the "bigger is always better" school consolidation mantra Indiana chanted throughout the 1950s and 1960s. Small towns and townships lost the focal point of their communities when their high schools were shuttered. Frequently

these schools were consolidated with those of the next town over who were, of course, their primary athletic rivals.

I can recall back in the 1960s listening to my cousins, most of whom still attended Hoagland like our ancestors, commiserating about the consolidation with their hated rivals from nearby Monroeville. If it was any consolation to them, and I'm not sure it was, both buildings were abandoned and a new school built in-between.

Just for the record, here is a recap of the unfortunate disposition of these former schools and their buildings: Seven are closed and consolidated with their buildings demolished or otherwise utilized while only two are still open after absorbing others and modernizing the buildings on their original sites. If you think I am just a cranky, whiny old grouch, check basketball game attendance numbers pre- and post-consolidation. I don't know if such statistics even exist, but I am absolutely convinced they will bear me out. Community spirit left town with the high school.

We tend to remember the good times best, even at the expense of absolute fidelity to detail. No matter. It's just God's way of keeping us from feeling miserable all the time. So I won't dwell on these closed schools and the small towns that still mourn their passing. Instead, I will recall the intensely competitive basketball games I saw in crowded gyms with nearly the whole township in attendance. If you don't know what I'm talking about, just watch the movie "Hoosiers."

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LETTERS

Court ruling will make it tougher to sell my pigs

My farm, River View Farms, sells pigs to a processing facility that utilizes the U.S. Department of Agriculture's New Swine Inspection System (NSIS), which allows for pork processing facilities to operate at a faster rate. NSIS, initiated during the Clinton administration and evaluated at five pilot plants over 20 years, was approved for industry-wide adoption in 2019. Even with this two-decade track record, a federal court recently struck down an NSIS provision that could result in a 2.5 percent loss in nationwide packing capacity unless USDA challenges this decision.

Since my farm markets pigs to one of the plants that were operating under the new system for increased speeds, we will be disproportionately affected. The plant we sell to will need to decrease the number of pigs they accept which will create a back-up of animals on the farm. This change could put us in a place where we don't know where our pigs will be processed in the future or how much we will be able to sell them for.

It's not just our farm. The court ruling will affect Indiana's nearly 3,000 hog farms and trickle down throughout the entire economy. Even farms that don't sell directly to one of these plants could still be hit in the pocket-book once there are more pigs in the U.S. than there is production capacity. Indiana hog production generates 14,590 jobs and contributes more than \$633 million in personal income. All of this could be in jeopardy if this damaging court ruling stands.

If small hog farmers are forced out of business, we will see a more consolidated pork industry. This could reduce competition, drive industry consolidation, and concentrate more power in the hands of pork processors – all with the stroke of a judge's pen.

We can avoid these damaging outcomes. We need USDA to stand up for Indiana hog farmers and other producers across the country by both appealing the federal court decision and seeking a stay, halting the ruling from being enacted at the end of next month. This will help preserve my farm's market access and many other Indiana farms in a similar situation.

Doug Johnson
River View Farms
Orleans

Finding common ground

Sharonell Fulton and Toni Simms-Busch should be household names. Fulton and Simms-Busch were the plaintiffs in a recent foster-care and religious-liberty case at the Supreme Court. It was a unanimous ruling, as you may have heard, and that is somewhat remarkable.



Legal eagles who labor to defend religious liberty have qualms about the narrowness of the ruling, but I'm grateful for the message it sends.

The city of Philadelphia stopped working with Catholic Social Services because of Catholic teaching about same-sex marriage. Marriage being between a man and a woman, of course, was acceptable to the likes of Barack Obama and Joe Biden not so long ago. But now cultural winds have shifted, and there is a tyrannical impulse to make people submit or be ostracized or penalized.

In a recent op-ed in The Wall Street Journal, Fulton and Simms-Busch explained in human terms why Catholic Social Services is so important in the city of Philadelphia: "Faith-affirming foster care and adoption agencies are crucial in our community. Shutting them down because of what they believe would devastate already at-risk children by reducing the number of families able and willing to care for them. Some families choose to foster or adopt only if they can partner with an agency that shares their religious beliefs."

They added: "Allowing for a diverse array of foster agencies to serve the community is vital. Over 60 percent of the foster families Catholic Social Services certifies and supports are racial or ethnic minorities. Philadelphia desperately needs more families like these to care for children in need."

These two women are not only beautiful mothers, but happy warriors for religious liberty and pluralism. On a certain block in New York City's Greenwich Village in the month of June, there was a traditional Catholic Corpus Christi Eucharistic adoration procession through the streets — it went past the Stonewall Inn, a gay pride landmark, right around the block from St. Joseph's Church. Fast-forward a few weeks, and that whole area was rainbowed and celebrating some things that the Church does not approve of. And this is how it should be. We should be able to live together. The Catholics will try to live as they believe, and others will choose to live and believe otherwise. But we can respect differences. And in the case of foster-care and adoption, a refusal to respect differences hurts children.

Fulton and Simms-Busch are some of the best of America. Parenting is the most important work there is, and foster parenting involves a beautiful stretching of the heart to a radical kind of hospitality. As Fulton and Simms-Busch explain in their Wall Street Journal piece, children in foster care often suffer from trauma. They need the support of faith-based, mission-driven agencies who share their worldview. And other agen-

cies offer alternatives for those who believe differently.

Another of the original plaintiffs in the Supreme Court case is a woman named Cecilia Paul, a widow who died during the course of the legal proceedings. One of her adoptive sons from foster care explained in an amicus brief for the case: Growing up in Paul's house prepared him for life. She encouraged him to "work hard, focus and do what you like." Now he's in his 30s with children of his own and a career.

These days, we watch politics like it's a reality TV show. We root for sides, like we're talking about sports. We can get swept up in trends and forget the real, innocent people impacted by government decisions.

When Philadelphia did what it did, it impacted vulnerable people. We are a people who have some severe disagreements on fundamentals. But we're a nation based on defending people's right to be wrong. We can live together. We need to live together. Different opinions should not be considered hate or bigotry. We are clearly a country divided on some things. Let's never let children suffer because of our adult arguments. Protecting them needs to be a place of common ground. That's the adult thing to do.

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Hunt for Capitol attackers still on 6 months after Jan. 6

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

The first waves of arrests in the deadly siege at the U.S. Capitol focused on the easy targets. Dozens in the pro-Trump mob openly bragged about their actions on Jan. 6 on social media and were captured in shocking footage broadcast live by national news outlets.

But six months after the insurrection, the Justice Department is still hunting for scores of rioters, even as the first of more than 500 people already arrested have pleaded guilty. The struggle reflects the massive scale of the investigation and the grueling work still ahead for authorities in the face of an increasing effort by some Republican lawmakers to rewrite what happened that day.

Among those who still haven't been caught: the person who planted two pipe bombs outside the offices of the Republican and Democratic national committees the night before the melee, as well as many people accused of attacks on law enforcement officers or violence and threats against journalists. The FBI website seeking information about those involved in the Capitol violence includes more than 900 pictures of roughly 300 people labeled "unidentified."

Part of the problem is that authorities made very few arrests on Jan. 6. They were focused instead on clearing the building of members of the massive mob that attacked police, damaged historic property and combed the halls for lawmakers they threatened to kill. Federal investigators are forced to go back and hunt down participants.

The FBI has since received countless tips and pieces of digital media from the public. But a tip is only the first step of a painstaking process — involving things like search warrants and interviews — to confirm people's identities and their presence at the insurrection in order to bring a case in court. And authorities have no record of many of the attackers because this was their first run-

in with the law.

"Most of these people never showed up on the radar screen before," said Frank Montoya Jr., a retired FBI special agent who led the bureau's field offices in Seattle and Honolulu. "You watch the movies and a name comes up on the radar screen and they know all the aliases and the last place he ate dinner, all with a click of a button. Unfortunately, that's not how it is in reality."

The FBI has been helped by "sedition hunters," or armchair detectives who have teamed up to identify some of the most elusive suspects, using crowdsourcing to pore over the vast trove of videos and photos from the assault.

Forrest Rogers, a business consultant who helped form a group of sedition hunters called "Deep State Dogs," said the group has reported the possible identities of about 100 suspects to the FBI based on evidence it collected.

Sometimes, a distinctive article of clothing helps the group make a match. In one case, a woman carrying a unique iPhone case on Jan. 6 had been photographed with the same case at an earlier protest, Rogers said.

"It's seeking justice," he said. "This is something that's unprecedented in the history of our country." Rogers asked, "Where else have you had several thousands of people who commit a crime and then immediately disperse all over the United States?"

John Scott-Railton is a senior researcher at the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto who has been collaborating with journalists and others to identify suspects using digital clues. He said that while much is known about the "small fish" who committed crimes that day, a deeper understanding is needed of the actions of organized group leaders.

"We all need to be in a place where we can have conversations about what Jan. 6th was that go beyond a bunch of individuals motivated by a set of ideologies who showed up at the Capitol," he said.

Those being sought include many accused of violent at-

tacks on officers. One video released by the FBI shows an unidentified man attacking officers with a baton. In another, a man is seen ripping the gas mask off an officer who screamed in pain as he was being crushed into a doorway by the angry mob.

The FBI on Tuesday released 11 new videos of rioters attacking law enforcement officers and appealed for the public's help in identifying the suspects. More than 100 people already have been arrested on suspicion of assaulting law enforcement officers at the Capitol.

In some cases, social media platforms have turned over incriminating posts that defendants tried to delete after their gleeful celebrations of the siege gave way to fears of being arrested. Often, the attackers' own family, friends or acquaintances tipped off authorities.

In one case, the FBI used facial comparison software to find a suspect on his girlfriend's Instagram account. Agents then went undercover, secretly recorded the man at work and got him on tape admitting to being in the crowd, which he described as "fun."

"The more of these people you identify — potentially through search warrants and social media communications — you're going to be able to identify others," said Tom O'Connor, who focused on counterterrorism as a special agent before leaving the bureau in 2019. "Those people who have been arrested will then be given the opportunity to cooperate and identify other persons involved."

The FBI has offered a reward of up to \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for planting the pipe bombs in Washington on Jan. 5. Footage shows a person in a gray hooded sweatshirt, a mask and gloves appearing to place one of the explosives under a bench outside the Democratic National Committee and the person walking in an alley near the Republican National Committee before the bomb was placed there. It remains unclear whether the bombs were related to planning for the insurrection.

Biden: U.S. damage appears minimal in big ransomware attack

By FRANK BAJAK and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said Tuesday that damage to U.S. businesses in the biggest ransomware attack on record appears minimal, though information remained incomplete. The company whose software was exploited said fewer than 1,500 businesses worldwide appeared compromised but cybersecurity experts caution that the incident isn't over.

Also Tuesday, a security researcher who chatted online with representatives of the Russia-linked REvil gang behind the attack said they claimed to have stolen data from hundreds of companies, but offered no evidence.

Answering a reporter's question at a vaccine-related White House event, Biden said his national security team had updated him Tuesday morning on the attack, which exploited a powerful remote-management tool run by Miami-based software company Kaseya in what is known as a supply-chain attack.

"It appears to have caused minimal damage to U.S. businesses but we're still gathering information," Biden said. "And I'm going to have more to say about this in the next several days." An official at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, speaking on condition they not be further identified, said no federal agencies or critical infrastructure appear to have been impacted.

White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki held out the prospect of retaliatory action. What Biden told President Vladimir Putin in Geneva last month still holds, she said: "If the Russian government cannot or will not take action against criminal actors residing in Russia, we will take action or reserve the right to take action on our own."

What sort of action that would be is unclear.

Biden has said repeatedly that the Kremlin bears responsibility for giving ransomware criminals safe harbor, even if it is not directly involved. There is no indication that Putin has moved against the gangs. Psaki said Russian and U.S. representatives were meeting next week and would discuss the matter.

Friday's attack hobbled businesses in at least 17 countries. It shuttered most of the 800 supermarkets in the Swedish Coop chain over the

weekend because cash registers stopped working, and reportedly knocked more than 100 New Zealand kindergartens offline.

Kaseya said it believes only about 800 to 1,500 of the estimated 800,000 to 1,000,000 mostly small business end-users of its software were affected. They are customers of companies that use Kaseya's virtual system administrator, or VSA, product to fully manage their IT infrastructure.

Cybersecurity experts said, however, it is too early for Kaseya to know the true impact given its launch on the eve of the Fourth of July holiday weekend in the U.S. They said many targets might only discover it upon returning to work Tuesday.

Ransomware criminals infiltrate networks and sow malware that cripples them by scrambling all their data. Victims get a decoder key when they pay up. Most ransomware victims don't publicly report attacks or disclose if they've paid ransoms. In the U.S., disclosure of a breach is required by state laws when personal data that can be used in identity theft is stolen. Federal law mandates it when healthcare records are exposed.

Security researchers said that in this attack, the criminals did not appear to have had time to steal data before locking up networks. That raised the question whether the motivation behind the attack was profit alone, because extortion through threatening to expose sensitive pilfered data betters the odds of big payoffs.

But Ryan Sherstobitoff, threat intelligence chief of the cybersecurity firm Security Scorecard, said REvil representatives claimed Saturday to have stolen data from hundreds of companies and were threatening to sell it if ransom demands of up to \$5 million for bigger victims — they were seeking \$45,000 per infected computer — were not met.

"The operators are claiming that, though there is not necessarily direct evidence," added Sherstobitoff, who said he masqueraded as a victim to engage the criminals. He said the criminals claimed banks were among victims.

REvil offered a universal software decoder to free all victims in exchange for a lump sum payment of \$50 million, he added. On Sunday, that sum rose to \$70 million in a post on the criminals' dark web site.

Analysts say the chaos ransomware criminals have wrought in the past year — hitting hospitals, schools, local governments and other targets at the rate of about one every eight minutes — serves Putin's strategic agenda of destabilizing the West.

Most of the more than 60 Kaseya customers that company spokeswoman Dana Liedholm said were affected are managed service providers (MSPs), with multiple customers downstream.

"Given the relationship between Kaseya and MSPs, it's not clear how Kaseya would know the number of victims impacted. There is no way the numbers are as low as Kaseya is claiming though," said Jake Williams, chief technical officer of the cybersecurity firm BreachQuest. Others researchers also questioned Kaseya's visibility into crippled managed service providers.

The hacked VSA tool remotely maintains customer networks, automating security and other software updates. Essentially, a product designed to protect networks from malware was cleverly used to distribute it.

In an interview on Sunday, Kaseya CEO Fred Voccola estimated the number of victims in "the low thousands." The German news agency dpa had reported that an unnamed German IT services company told authorities that several thousand of its customers were compromised. Also among reported victims were two Dutch IT services companies.

A broad array of businesses and public agencies were hit, apparently on all continents, including in financial services, travel and leisure and the public sector — though few large companies, the cybersecurity firm Sophos said.

Liedholm, the Kaseya spokeswoman, said the vast majority of the company's 37,000 customers were unaffected and said the company expected to release a patch Wednesday.

REvil, previously best known for extorting \$11 million from the meat-processing giant JBS after hobbling it on Memorial Day, broke into at least one Kaseya server after identifying a "zero day" vulnerability, cybersecurity researchers said.

Dutch researchers said they alerted Kaseya to the zero day and a number of "severe vulnerabilities" ahead of the attack. Neither they nor Kaseya would say how far in advance.

Searchers at collapse site 'not seeing anything positive'

By TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

SURFSIDE, Fla. — Officials overseeing the search at the site of the Florida condominium collapse sounded increasingly somber Tuesday about the prospects for finding anyone alive, saying they have detected no new signs of life in the rubble as the death toll climbed to 36.

Crews in yellow helmets and blue jumpsuits searched the debris for a 13th day while wind and rain from the outer bands of Tropical Storm Elsa complicated their efforts. Video released by the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department showed workers lugging pickaxes and power saws through piles of concrete rubble barbed with snapped steel rebar. Other searchers could be seen digging with gloved hands through pulverized concrete and dumping shovels of debris into large buckets.

Search-and-rescue workers continued to look for open spaces where people might be found alive nearly two weeks after the disaster struck at the Champlain Towers South building in Surfside.

"We're actively searching as aggressively as we can," Miami-Dade County Fire Chief Alan Cominsky said at a news conference. But he added: "Unfortunately, we are not seeing anything positive. The key things — void spaces, living spaces — we're not seeing anything like that."

While officials still call the efforts a search-and-rescue operation, Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava said families of those still missing are preparing for news of "tragic loss."

"I think everybody will be ready when it's time to move to the next phase," said Levine Cava, who stressed that crews would use the same care as they go through the rubble even after their focus shifts from searching for survivors to recovering the dead.

"Really, you will not see a difference," she said. "We will carefully search for bodies and belongings, and to catalog and respectfully deal with any remains that we find."

No one has been rescued alive since the first hours after the collapse, which struck early on June 24, when many of the building's residents were asleep.

Officials announced Tuesday that teams had recovered eight additional bodies — the highest one-day total since the collapse. More than 100 people remain unaccounted for.

Severe weather from Elsa threatened to hinder search efforts. Lightning forced rescuers to pause their work for two hours early Tuesday, Miami-Dade Assistant Fire Chief Raide Jadallah said. And stiff winds of 20 mph, with stronger gusts, hampered efforts to move heavy debris with cranes, officials said.

However, the storm's heaviest winds and rain were expected to bypass Surfside and neighboring Miami as Elsa strengthened before making landfall somewhere between Tampa Bay and Florida's Big Bend on a path across northern Florida.

"Active search and rescue continued throughout the night, and these teams continue through extremely adverse and challenging conditions," Levine Cava said. "Through the rain and through the wind, they have continued searching."

Crews have removed 124 tons of debris from the site, Cominsky said.



Wabash football middle linebacker Keegan O'Neill will look to continue the same trend next year after committing to play football at Franklin College this past spring.

O'Neill continuing football journey at Franklin College

His Apache career included 286 tackles, two picks and four fumble recoveries

By CLAY MAXFIELD
Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

While he was a key contributor on Wabash's varsity football team this past season, Keegan O'Neill will look to continue the same trend next year after committing to play football at Franklin College this past spring.

O'Neill, a middle linebacker for the Apaches will look to continue that same role with Franklin Grizzlies next season, a position that he dominated at Wabash after finishing his high school career with a total of 286 tackles, two interceptions and four fumble recoveries.

"It's always been a dream," said Keegan O'Neill. "It's something you dream about when you're a little kid, playing

pee-wee football and having it happen is surreal and I'm still trying to gather my feelings on it actually happening."

As a marketing major, O'Neill will look to help the Franklin Grizzlies build on their 4-3 record from the 2020 season.

Wabash finished the season 6-5 and fell in the sectional semifinals to Bremen but the three seasons that Wabash head coach Adam Handley has gotten to know O'Neill has convinced him that the Apaches will miss his leadership and work ethic moving forward.

"I knew when I got to Wabash that he was going to be one of our leaders moving forward. I knew I'd have to lean on him to get the program where it's at now. ... I knew he was going to be special for us just by how he showed some leadership even as a sophomore," he said.

Looking back on his time with Wabash football, O'Neill admits that the tenacity that the team showed this past season after suffering a rash of injuries will serve as one of his most memorable moments

as an Apache.

"I've never seen a team come together with so much pride in what they're doing. They just came together and were next man up, let's do this and just persevered through the whole season. ... It was great just seeing those players not give up," said O'Neill.

While on the flip side, Handley reflected on his time coaching O'Neill as one that was filled with pure energy from the moment he began coaching Wabash in 2018.

"His energy on the field, we're going to miss that. Anytime he made a play he was the first one to scream and point to the crowd," he said. "He's going to lead by example and put in 100 percent effort every single time. That's why I think he's going to be fantastic in college, I think he's got that niche that's going to make him great."

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.

SCOREBOARD

NBA					2:05 p.m. Cincinnati (Gray 1-4) at Kansas City (Singer 3-6), 2:10 p.m. Cleveland (Mejia 1-3) at Tampa Bay (Wacha 1-2), 3:10 p.m., 2nd game Boston (Rodriguez 6-4) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 4-6), 4:07 p.m. Toronto (Ryu 7-5) at Baltimore (Harvey 3-9), 7:05 p.m. Oakland (Manaea 6-5) at Houston (Garcia 6-5), 8:10 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (German 4-5) at Seattle (Kikuchi 6-3), 10:10 p.m.
NBA FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Phoenix vs. Milwaukee					Thursday's Games Oakland at Houston, 2:10 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 4:10 p.m. Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m. Kansas City at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m. Detroit at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Tuesday, July 6: Milwaukee at Phoenix					
Thursday, July 8: Milwaukee at Phoenix, 9 p.m.					
Sunday, July 11: Phoenix at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.					
Wednesday, July 14: Phoenix at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.					
x-Saturday, July 17: Milwaukee at Phoenix, 9 p.m.					
x-Tuesday, July 20: Phoenix at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.					
x-Thursday, July 22: Milwaukee at Phoenix, 9 p.m.					
NHL					
STANLEY CUP FINAL (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 1					
Monday, June 28: Tampa Bay 5, Montreal 1					
Wednesday, June 30: Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 1					
Friday, July 2: Tampa Bay 6, Montreal 3					
Monday, July 5: Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT					
Wednesday, July 7: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.					
x-Friday, July 9: Tampa Bay at Montreal, TBA					
x-Sunday, July 11: Montreal at Tampa Bay, TBA					
MLB					
AMERICAN LEAGUE					
East Division					
Boston	W	L	Pct	GB	
Tampa Bay	54	32	.628	—	
Toronto	49	36	.576	4½	
New York	43	39	.524	9	
Baltimore	42	41	.506	10½	
	27	57	.321	26	
Central Division					
Chicago	W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	49	35	.583	—	
Detroit	42	40	.512	6	
Minnesota	39	46	.459	10½	
Kansas City	35	48	.422	13½	
	35	49	.417	14	
West Division					
Houston	W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	52	33	.612	—	
Seattle	49	37	.570	3½	
Los Angeles	45	40	.529	7	
Texas	42	42	.500	9½	
	33	52	.388	19	
Monday's Games					
Minnesota 8, Chicago White Sox 5 Tampa Bay 9, Cleveland 8 Detroit 7, Texas 3 Cincinnati 6, Kansas City 2 Boston 5, L.A. Angels 4					
Wednesday's Games					
Cleveland (Hentges 1-3) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 12:10 p.m., 1st game Chicago White Sox (Lynn 8-3) at Minnesota (Happ 4-4), 1:10 p.m. Detroit (Mize 5-5) at Texas (Gibson 6-0),					
NATIONAL LEAGUE					
East Division					
New York	W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	44	37	.543	—	
Atlanta	41	42	.494	4	
Philadelphia	40	42	.488	4½	
Miami	36	47	.434	9	
Central Division					
Milwaukee	W	L	Pct	GB	
Cincinnati	51	35	.593	—	
Chicago	44	40	.524	6	
St. Louis	42	43	.494	8½	
Pittsburgh	42	44	.488	9	
	31	53	.369	19	
West Division					
San Francisco	W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	53	31	.631	—	
San Diego	53	32	.624	½	
Colorado	50	37	.575	4½	
Arizona	37	48	.435	16½	
	23	63	.267	31	
Monday's Games					
St. Louis 5, San Francisco 3 N.Y. Mets 4, Milwaukee 2 Miami 5, L.A. Dodgers 4 Pittsburgh 11, Atlanta 1 Cincinnati 6, Kansas City 2 Philadelphia 13, Chicago Cubs 3 Washington 7, San Diego 5					
Wednesday's Games					
Atlanta (Smily 6-3) at Pittsburgh (Crowe 1-5), 12:35 p.m. Cincinnati (Gray 1-4) at Kansas City (Singer 3-6), 2:10 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Urias 10-3) at Miami (TBD), 7:10 p.m. Milwaukee (Burnes 4-4) at N.Y. Mets (TBD), 7:10 p.m. Philadelphia (Wheeler 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Mills 3-2), 8:05 p.m. Colorado (Senzatela 2-7) at Arizona (TBD), 9:40 p.m. St. Louis (Oviedo 0-4) at San Francisco (Wood 7-3), 9:45 p.m. Washington (Corbin 5-7) at San Diego (Paddack 4-5), 10:10 p.m.					
Thursday's Games					
L.A. Dodgers at Miami, 12:10 p.m. Colorado at Arizona, 3:40 p.m. Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m. Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m. Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m. Washington at San Diego, 9:10 p.m.					



Yuichi Yamazaki / Getty Images / TNS
The Olympic Rings are displayed by the Odaiba Marine Park Olympic venue on June 3 in Tokyo.

Tokyo Olympics shaping up to be TV-only event

TOKYO (AP) — The pandemic-delayed Tokyo Olympics are shaping up as a TV-only event with few spectators — if any — being allowed when they open in just over two weeks.

Japan's Asahi newspaper, citing multiple unidentified government sources, said Tuesday the opening ceremony at the 68,000-seat National Stadium is likely to be limited to only VIP guests. The Olympics open in 17 days. The newspaper said other large venues are likely to have no spectators. Smaller venues are expected to allow some spectators.

Tokyo organizers and the International Olympic Committee are expected to announce the policy after a meeting likely on Thursday.

Two weeks ago, they announced that venues could be filled up to 50 percent capacity with a ceiling of 10,000. But surging virus numbers in Tokyo are forcing a rollback.

The IOC earns almost 75 percent of its income from TV rights, and will still generate \$3 billion to \$4 billion in income from a television-only event.

Fans from abroad were banned months ago.

Dr. Shigeru Omi, a top government medical adviser, has said the least risky Olympics would be with no spectators. He also said it was "abnormal" to hold the Olympics during a pandemic.

Asahi said the no-spectators policy could apply to events that take place after 9 p.m. and to larger venues where 50 percent of capacity exceeds 5,000.

VIPS, sponsors and others dignitaries will be allowed to attend the opening ceremony and other venues, but the newspaper said these numbers could also be reduced. The newspaper said this "special category" was about 10,000 people.

Organizing committee chief executive Toshiro Muto said two weeks ago that VIPS would be allowed into venues — over and above any spectator cap — and were classified as "organizers" and not spectators.

"There are many stakeholders of the IOC and so forth. People related to key clients. And for those people they are regarded as organizers of the games and they are not spectators," Muto said.

Yoshiro Mori, the former president of the organizing committee, in an interview with Japanese television TBS, said he suggested an Olympics without spectators to other politicians in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

"I had said we should develop plans based on no spectators," he said.

Mori, a former prime minister, was forced to step down five months ago as president of the organizing committee, after he was criticized for making "inappropriate" comments about women.

About 11,000 Olympic athletes and 4,400 Paralympians will be entering Tokyo, along with tens of thousands of coaches, administrators, broadcasters, and media.

The decision on spectators could come on the same day, Thursday, that IOC President Thomas Bach arrives in Tokyo. Bach is to self-isolate for three days in a five-star Tokyo hotel.

The Tokyo organizing committee also announced on Tuesday that it will not allow any roadside viewing of the race walks or marathons in the northern city of Sapporo. The events were moved there two years ago because of worries about Tokyo's hot and humid summers. The decision by Bach and the IOC was vehemently opposed by Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike.

"It is unfortunate for those who had hoped to watch the world's top athletes up close here in Sapporo and cheer them," Hokkaido Governor Naomichi Suzuki said.

Ohtani 1st All-Star picked as pitcher and hitter

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Shohei Ohtani achieved a first in the near century history of baseball's All-Star Game: selection as both a hitter and pitcher.

The Los Angeles Angels' two-way sensation was among the American League starting pitchers picked Sunday for the July 13 showcase at Denver's Coors Field. Ohtani, who leads the majors in home runs, had already been elected by fans to start as the AL's designated hitter.

Boston has the most All-Stars for the first time since 2009, sending five. Designated hitter J.D. Martinez, starting pitcher Nathan Eovaldi and reliever Matt Barnes were chosen to join a pair of starters: shortstop Xander Bogaerts and third baseman Rafael Devers.

Houston and Toronto have four All-Stars each.

Ohtani received 121 votes in balloting by players, managers and coaches announced three days after fan-elected starters were revealed.

"The guy's going to participate in Home Run Derby, pitch in the game and hit in the game. That doesn't happen like, ever," Angels manager Joe Maddon said after speaking with AL skipper Kevin Cash of Tampa Bay. "So this is the one time ... even the non-baseball fan can really latch onto this and become interested."

Babe Ruth's pitching days were largely behind him by the time the All-Star Game started in 1933. Ruth made one pitching appearance that year, the final one of his career on the last day of the season. He last pitched with regularity in 1919.

Ohtani is hitting .278 with 31 home runs and 67 RBIs. In 12 starts on the mound, he is

2021 All-Star Game	
Tuesday, July 13 at Coors Field, Denver (p-voted by players; m-selected by MLB)	
American League	National League
Manager — Kevin Cash, Tampa Bay	Manager — Dave Roberts, L.A. Dodgers
Starters	Starters
Catcher — Salvador Perez, Kansas City First Baseman — Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Toronto Second Baseman — Marcus Semien, Toronto Shortstop — Xander Bogaerts, Boston Third Baseman — Rafael Devers, Boston Outfield — Teoscar Hernandez, Toronto Outfield — Aaron Judge, N.Y. Yankees Outfield — Mike Trout, L.A. Angels DH — Shohei Ohtani, L.A. Angels	Catcher — Buster Posey, San Francisco First Baseman — Freddie Freeman, Atlanta Second Baseman — Adam Frazier, Pittsburgh Shortstop — Fernando Tatis Jr, San Diego Third Baseman — Nolan Arenado, St. Louis Outfield — Ronald Acuna Jr., Atlanta Outfield — Nick Castellanos, Cincinnati Outfield — Jesse Winker, Cincinnati
Reserves	Reserves
Catchers	Catchers
p-Mike Zunino, Tampa Bay	p-J.T. Realmuto, Phila.
Infielders	Infielders
p-Matt Olson, Oakland p-Jose Altuve, Houston m-Bo Bichette, Toronto p-Jose Ramirez, Cleveland p-Carlos Correa, Houston m-Jared Walsh	m-Ozzie Albies, Atlanta p-Kris Bryant, Chicago m-Brandon Crawford, San Francisco p-Jake Cronenworth, San Diego m-Eduardo Escobar, Arizona p-Max Muncy, L.A. Dodgers p-Trea Turner, Washington
Outfielders	Outfielders
p-Michael Brantley, Houston p-Joey Gallo, Texas m-Adolis Garcia, Texas p-Cedric Mullins, Baltimore	p-Mookie Betts, L.A. Dodgers p-Bryan Reynolds, Pittsburgh p-Kyle Schwarber, Washington m-Juan Soto, Washington m-Chris Taylor, L.A. Dodgers
Designated Hitters	Pitchers
m-Nelson Cruz, Minnesota p-J.D. Martinez, Boston	Starters
Pitchers	Starters
p-Shane Bieber, Cleveland p-Gerrit Cole, N.Y. Yankees m-Nathan Eovaldi, Boston m-Kyle Gibson, Texas m-Yusei Kikuchi, Seattle p-Lance Lynn, Chicago White Sox m-Shohei Ohtani, L.A. Angels p-Carlos Rodon, Chicago White Sox	Relievers
Relievers	Relievers
p-Matt Barnes, Boston p-Aroldis Chapman, N.Y. Yankees p-Liam Hendriks, Chicago White Sox m-Ryan Pressly, Houston	p-Corbin Burnes, Milwaukee p-Yu Darvish, San Diego p-Jacob deGrom, N.Y. Mets p-Kevins Gausman, San Francisco m-German Marquez, Colorado m-Zack Wheeler, Phila. p-Brandon Woodruff, Milwaukee

3-1 with a 3.60 ERA and 83 strikeouts over 60 innings.

The Angels did not make Ohtani available to media Sunday, and Major League

Baseball has not reopened clubhouses to reporters since the start of the pandemic.

The team issued quotes from Ohtani in which he said: "It's

my first time so I just want to enjoy everything. There's also the Home Run Derby, so I'm looking forward to taking it all in and enjoy everything."

PAGEANT

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meeting for girls ages 17 to 21 – who are not yet 22 by July 30 – according to “Queen Team” director Kara Fulmer. The “informational meeting for those who are interested in learning more about this great opportunity” was scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, May 6 at the Wabash City Hall.

Vanderpool said in addition to this call-out meeting, the contestants have also participated in a Queen’s Pizza Party held at the Sanctuary of Wabash, the Chicken Fundraiser and a mock interview.

“Many individuals and businesses from Wabash County have contributed to the scholarship money,” said Vanderpool.

The pageant will award approx. \$3,500 to the winners.

“The contestants also helped earn scholarship money by working the annual port-a-pit chicken sale. A special thank you to Miller Home Furnishings for donating their parking lot for the fundraiser,” said Vanderpool.

Directors for the pageant are Kara Fulmer, Patty Meagher, Makayla Ridgeway, Teresa Ridgeway and Vanderpool.

“If you would like the Queen and Court to appear at an event, please contact one of these ladies,” said Vanderpool.

The 14 contestants competing for this year’s crown are:

Carly Hawkins

Carly Jacqueline Hawkins, 18, of Wabash, is the daughter of John and Cindy Hawkins. Her sibling is Christian Hawkins, 25. She is a 2021 graduate of Northfield High School. She will be attending Butler University, with an anticipated graduation date of 2025.



HAWKINS

MaKenlie Lambert

Makenlie Jewel Lambert, 17, of North Manchester, is the daughter of mother Devan Lambert and father Chad Lambert. Her sibling is Ashlynn Lambert, 13. She attends Southwood High School, with an anticipated grad-



LAMBERT

uation date of 2022. She hopes to attend Baylor University, with an anticipated graduation date of 2026.

Emily Martin

Emily Martin, 19, of Wabash, is the daughter of Heide and Josh Martin. Her siblings are Philip, 25, Ian, 23, Abony, 22, and Victoria, 12. She is a 2019 graduate of Wabash High School. She attends Western Governors University, with an anticipated graduation date of 2025.



MARTIN

Alyssa McKillip

Alyssa Renee McKillip, 19, of Wabash, is the daughter of Troy and Toni McKillip. Her sibling is Brandon, 16. She is a 2020 graduate of Northfield High School. She attends Butler with an anticipated graduation date of 2024.



McKILLIP

Chloe Miller

Chloe Madison Miller, 18, of North Manchester, is the daughter of Mark and Angela Miller. Her siblings are Asia Miller, 16, and Ryland Miller, 14. She is a 2021 graduate of Northfield High School. She will be attending Purdue University, with an anticipated graduation date of 2025.



C. MILLER

Haylie Miller

Haylie Miller, 19, of Urbana, is the daughter of Steve and Roberta Miller. Her siblings are Houston Miller, 27, and Heath Miller, 23. She is a 2020 graduate of Manchester High School. She attends Indiana University Purdue University of Indianapolis (IUPUI), with an anticipated graduation date of 2024.



H. MILLER

Kenda Mullen

Kenda Mullen, 21, of Wabash, is the daughter of George Mullen, Jessica Strickler and stepfather Ja-

son Strickler. Her siblings are Kati Harlan, 22, Alli Strickler, 21, and Vander Mullen, 10. She is a 2018 graduate of Wabash High School. She attends Indiana University Kokomo, with an anticipated graduation date of 2022.



MULLEN

Haley Porter

Haley Elizabeth Jane Porter, 20, of Wabash, is the daughter of Rick and Ellen Porter. Her siblings are Garrett Porter, 26, and Matt Porter, 24. She is a 2019 graduate of Southwood High School. She attends Ivy Tech Lafayette, with an anticipated graduation date of 2023.



PORTER

Anna Pyle

Anna Pyle, 20, of North Manchester, is the daughter of Kirk and Jennie Pyle. Her siblings are Sarah, 21, Rebekah, 19, Emma, 17, and Samuel, 16. She attends Taylor University, with an anticipated graduation date of 2024.



A. PYLE

Emma Pyle

Emma Jane Pyle, 17, of North Manchester, is the daughter of Kirk and Jennie Pyle. Her siblings are Sarah, 21, Anna, 20, Rebekah, 19, and Samuel, 16. She attends Manchester High School, with an anticipated graduation date of 2022. She plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan University.



E. PYLE

Rebekah Pyle

Rebekah Pyle, 19, of North Manchester, is the daughter of Kirk and Jennie Pyle. Her siblings are Sarah Pyle, 21, Anna Pyle, 20, Emma Pyle, 17, and Samuel Pyle, 16. She is a 2020 graduate of Manchester High School. She attends Indiana Wesleyan University, with an an-



R. PYLE

icipated graduation date of 2024.

McKenzie Roth

McKenzie Carolyn Roth, 18, of Wabash, is the daughter of Mandy Scorsone and Steven Roth. Her siblings are Micahiah Roth, 16, Gabe Scorsone, 17, (stepsibling), Nico Scorsone, 8, (stepsibling), Amelia Scorsone, 18, (stepsibling), Morri Scorsone, 18, (stepsibling), Mazi Ghrist, 14, (stepsibling), Zayden Hoch, 8, (stepsibling), Henry Roth, 6, (halfsibling) and Elliott Roth, 5, (stepsibling). She is a 2021 graduate of Northfield High School. She plans to attend Indiana University Kokomo for four years, with an anticipated graduation date of 2025, and then attend veterinary school at Purdue University, with an anticipated graduation date of 2029.



ROTH

Erika Yard

Erika LeighAnn Yard, 17, of Roann, is the daughter of Staci Yard. Her siblings are Parker Yard, 21, and Karrigan Yard, 19. She is a student at Manchester High School.



E. YARD

Kerrigan Yard

Karrigan Margarte Yard, 19, of Roann, is the daughter of Staci Yard. Her siblings are Parker Yard, 22, and Erika Yard, 17. She is a 2020 graduate of Manchester High School. She attends the University of Saint Francis, with an anticipated graduation date of 2024.



K. YARD

MINISTER

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strives for unity, teamwork and above all, pointing others to Jesus. Joel and Tara were drawn to BCCC because of its multi-generational dynamic as well as the congregation’s heart for Wabash and beyond. Both the Cogdell’s and the staff and elders at BCCC are excited for what the future holds,” said Tyner.

If you would like to meet Joel and his family, an ice cream social at BCCC has been planned for noon Sunday, July 11 at 2147 N. Indiana 15.

“At Bachelor Creek, our mission is simple: Making and growing disciples of Jesus. As a non-denominational Christian Church established in 1845, a lot has changed over the past 176 years, but we remain convinced that Jesus changes everything. We seek to be a church who glorifies God through changed lives in Wabash and beyond,” said Tyner.

Worship service times at BCCC are held at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays.

For more information, visit bachelorcreek.com or call 260-563-4109.

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“Mushroom”) and their goal for the day (many of which involved getting wet.)

Interpretive naturalist Teresa Rody said children ages 7 to 13 participated in the program, which was held entirely outdoors, except for restroom breaks.

Rody said the focus was on water activities and included a daily hike, sit spots, games, shelter building, small groups to prepare and present short presentations on nature topics. Participants also met live wildlife through educational ambassadors.”

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